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Marchers mob streets in Tehran

TEHRAN, Nov. 4 (Agencies) — Hundreds of thousands of Iranians shouting "death to American imperialism" marched on the U.S. Embassy in Tehran Tuesday, and Iran's foreign ministry asked the administration of U.S. President Jimmy Carter for a quick response to its demands for the release of the 52 U.S. hostages, beginning their second year in captivity.

In another major development Tuesday, Iranian Prime Minister Muhammad Ali Rajai said the government has not yet taken over full responsibility for the hostages from the Islamic militants.

"We will assume the responsibility of keeping them," he said in a brief interview broadcast by Tehran radio. Asked whether the transfer of the hostages had actually been carried out yet, Rajai replied: "We have only done it."

Meanwhile, Iraq claimed Tuesday a whole Iranian brigade was "massacred" while trying to break out from an Iraqi siege of the Iranian major oil refining city of Abadan.

Iraq said 300 dead Iraqi soldiers were rotting near the southwestern Iranian army garrison town of Dezful and Iraqi shelling was prohibiting Iran's Red Crescent teams from burying the victims and averting an epidemic.

The claims underscored escalating fighting in Iran's southern oil province of Khuzestan on the 44th day of the war on the northern fringe of the Gulf.

As Iran claimed Ahadan's defenders drove back nightlong Iraqi assaults to punch into the city's northern and eastern gates, Iraq's defense minister Adnan Khairallah announced the "brigade massacre" in an interview with Iraq's daily newspaper *Al Thawra*.

"It was a foolish attempt to try to break from the siege," said Khairallah. "They got themselves annihilated."

The Baghdad communiqué said 56 Iranian troops were killed and one tank, one armored personnel carrier and one observation post were destroyed in 12 hours of fighting from Monday evening to Tuesday morning.

The communiqué conceded 16 Iraqi soldiers killed, and one bulldozer and eight military vehicles destroyed in the southern sector fighting on the northern brink of the Gulf. Communiques from both sides indicate the Iraqis are trying to punch into Abadan from the north, east and south to take Iran's last stronghold on the embattled Shatt Al Arab waterway and the pre-war source of 60 per cent of its refined oil.

Begin planning Washington visit

JERUSALEM, Nov. 4 (AP) — Israeli Prime Minister Menahem Begin will meet in the United States next week with the winner of Tuesday's United States presidential elections, sources close to the prime minister's office confirmed Tuesday.

Begin is going on Nov. 9 to speak at a banquet given by U.S. Zionist leaders to commemorate the 100th birthday of the late Vladimir Zeev Jabotinsky, who spearheaded demands in the 1930s for a Jewish state in Palestine.

U.S. prepared to plunge into Gulf

WASHINGTON, Nov. 4 (WP) — The Carter Administration, increasingly concerned about the failure of efforts to achieve a cease-fire in the Iran-Iraq war, is preparing



(AP photo)
ISMET KITTANI: Iraq's delegate at the United Nations resisted the idea of his country's withdrawal from Iran.

to take a much more active and visible role marshaling international opinion to put pressure on the two warring Gulf neighbors.

Reliable sources said last weekend that a shift in U.S. tactics is likely to become evident immediately after Tuesday's presidential election. At that time, the sources added, the United States can be expected to spearhead a drive in the U.N. Security Council for a resolution capable of putting an end to the fighting



(SPA photo)
WELCOME: King Khalid received hundreds of well-wishers at his palace in Riyadh the last few days since his return from Jeddah. As is customary with him and other leaders, he remained standing throughout the mass audience, not sitting down to talk to his visitors until the last one of them had greeted him.

Computer training part of current development

RIYADH, Nov. 4 (SPA) — Planning Minister Sheikh Hisham Nazer said that the current five-year development plan laid special emphasis on the training of Saudi Arabsians for the operation and maintenance of computers. By the end of the plan, he said, the government will have trained an adequate number of men for this highly specialized job.

Nazer was addressing the sixth national seminar on the computer here Tuesday. He said that already many government departments were using computers as a matter of course. "Our need for specialists in this field is clear," he said.

Speaking on the occasion, the Chancellor of Riyadh University Dr. Mansour Al Turki said that 70 per cent of the research papers submitted to the seminar were prepared by Saudi Arabian universities and that Riyadh University alone was responsible for 40 per cent of them.

A member of the university faculty of engineering, Yusuf Muhammad Ajaj, said

Gold prices rise; dollar rates mixed

LONDON, Nov. 4 (AP) — Gold prices rose in Europe Tuesday just before voting began in the U.S. presidential election, while the dollar was mixed in quiet trading.

One gold dealer in London said the market expected the winner, whether President Carter or Ronald Reagan, to stimulate the U.S. economy, which would mean lowering interest rates, a bullish signal for gold.

London's five bullion houses agreed a morning gold "fix" of \$48 a troy ounce, up from \$46.67 Monday. In Zurich, gold sold

at 12000 for a median \$648.50 up from \$637.50. Earlier in Hong Kong, gold rose \$12.02 to close at \$646.67.

Silver was quoted in London at \$19.83 an ounce, up from \$19.25.

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By Council of Ministers

Overseas study policies reaffirmed

RIYADH, Nov. 4 (SPA) — The Council of Ministers reiterated that only students specializing in rare fields can be sent to complete their studies abroad. In the meantime, more efforts should be made to ensure at Saudi universities the teaching of all study specializations.

A two-and-a-half hour meeting under Second Deputy Premier and Commander of the National Guard Prince Abdullah also expressed its satisfaction with the way the country's Third Five-Year Development Plan was being implemented after a briefing by Planning Minister Sheikh Hisham Nazer.

Cabinet spokesman Dr. Muhammad Abdu Yamani, information minister, said that Justice Minister Ibrahim ibn Muhammad Al-Sheikh reported to the Cabinet on the steps his ministry intends to take to reduce administrative formalities and develop the functions of tribunals while raising their efficiency.

Dr. Yamani said that Monday's Cabinet decisions will be submitted to the King for approval and ratification.

In Jeddah, members of the board of the Diplomatic Studies Institute visited the institute Monday. They were met by its director Dr. Muhammad Omar Medani and other officials.

Earlier in the day, Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal presided over a board meeting to discuss ways of developing the institute's programs.

The institute was first opened last year here and "in this short span, has already done very well," according to Prince Saud. Another meeting was being held Tuesday to draw up plans for training courses of all kinds related to the diplomatic service.

The delegation that visited the institute

Mondays included Sheikh Abdullah Alireza and Sheikh Abdul Rahman Mansouri, deputies to the foreign minister for economic affairs and political affairs respectively. Sheikh Jamil Al-Hegazy, the Kingdom's ambassador to Paris; Sheikh Samir Al-Shehabi, ambassador to Pakistan; Sheikh Ziad Al-Shawa, ambassador to the Netherlands, and Ambassador Sheikh Ahmad

Charities receive welfare donations

HASA, Nov. 4 (SPA) — The Hasa Philanthropic Society received SR108,500 in donations, officials announced. In addition, the Eastern Province Welfare Society received more than SR500,000 from different donors.

The gifts to the Hasa group included SR30,000 from Sheikh Abdul Aziz Abdullah Al-Mousa; SR 20,000 from Sheikh Abdullah Abdul Muisen Al-Khedri; SR10,000 from Sheikh Saleh Muhammad Al-Ruwaise; SR10,000 Riyad Bank's Hofuf Branch and SR10,000 from Sheikh Fahd Al-Abdullah Al-Owaidah.

Donations to the Welfare Society include SR100,000 from Prince Sultan ibn Abdul Aziz; SR250,000 from an anonymous donor through the department of justice; SR75,000 from Sheikh Abdul Aziz ibn Muhammad Al-Arifi; SR30,000 from Shabab Trading Establishment in Damman.

Prince Muhammad ibn Fahd Al-Jilwi, Hasa governor and Society chairman, thanked all the donors and subscribers for their charitable act to the Hasa Philanthropic Society.

Abdul Jabbar, the Kingdom's representative to the United Nations European headquarters in Geneva.

During the visit, they were briefed on the institute's various activities and toured the public library and the study library for which they expressed their admiration.

The institute provides morning and afternoon courses both for full-timers and part-timers. There are approximately 150 students of both categories studying at the institute. They graduate between six months and two years. They study English, typing, shorthand, economics, Saudi history, research, international law, international relations and world affairs and political science. The institute also sends some of its graduates abroad for higher studies.

In other developments, Planning Minister Sheikh Hisham Nazer and Riyadh University Rector Dr. Mansour Al-Turki opened the sixth national conference on computers in Riyadh Tuesday. The minister presented a study on computers that comprised 40 reports.

An exhibition will be held during the conference at which 25 firms dealing in computers will display their products. The conference will also show documentary films about the computer tape development and its various uses. Three committees — the preparatory committee; the research, programming and editing committee; and the recording committee — comprising officials from the Kingdom's universities, government departments and companies marketing computer products in the Kingdom are managing the conference.

The conference's motto is 'the end user is the key to the successful use of computers.'

To meet Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Argentine mission to make three-day visit

JEDDAH, Nov. 4 — A commercial mission from Argentina, sponsored by the Argentine government, is due to arrive here on Monday, November 10, for a three-day visit aimed at making contacts with Saudi representatives and importers.

The delegation comprises eleven Argentinians.

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Arrangements are organized by the Commercial Section of the Argentine Embassy in Jeddah.

It will be remembered that Dr. Solaim, minister of commerce, called on the Saudi private sector to pay more attention to the Argentine market as an alternative supplier

of agriculture products and technology. He visited Argentina last July, as well as Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh, minister of agriculture and water who visited Argentina in 1979.

Argentine experts are collaborating with the Kingdom's authorities in the development of studies on cattle, sheep and goats production, breeding, and utilization, as a result of an agreement signed in Riyadh last April, during the visit of the Argentine Agriculture Minister, Mr. Zorregueta, to this country.

Argentina is currently the second biggest supplier of frozen meat to the Kingdom. It also exports in Jeddah fresh fruits, cereals and grains, rice, foodstuffs, as well as iron and steel bars, seamless steel pipes, electricity meters, computer parts, tool-machinery, pumps and valves.

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On expo '81

Exhibitors expect increased Saudi attendance

By Jeannette Garrett

Houston Bureau

ON Nov. 4 — Organizers of the International Construction Exposition, are expecting an attendance of Saudi delegates, 1,000 who attended the last conference two years ago.

Arabs are expected at the exposition members of government ministries, trading and public works.

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Comment

Abdullah Behaithan Al

that the work on Massif (summit) projects has started to be made one drives through the hills amid bumps, detours, dust.

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sponsored trade show, Conexpo '81 will be held at the Astrodome in Houston, January 25-30. While construction equipment will draw attendance to Conexpo, according to Ralph E. Keidel, the show's general chairman, attendees will be coming for more than a chance to view \$500 million (\$R1.6 billion) worth of equipment. "Those 100,000 construction industry attendees will also be looking for help with their problems and ways to achieve it."

As Keidel sees it, the world's construction industry faces the same dilemmas as other industries — rising inflation and over-regulation, both of which make it harder to earn profit. He believes Conexpo '81 will give representatives of the construction industry the chance to compare techniques and equipment usage with contractors and others from all over the world and an opportunity to draw on the wealth of ancillary information available from the show's 230 exhibitors.

BRIEFS

Bonnet departs

JEDDAH, Nov. 4 (SPA) — French Interior Minister Christian Bonnet left here for his country Monday concluding a four-day official visit to the Kingdom. Bonnet signed a security cooperation agreement with Interior Minister Prince Naif during his stay. He was seen off at the airport by Prince Naif, Sheikh Abdul Rahman Al-Sudairi, Jeddah district commissioner; Dr. Ibrahim Al-Awaj, deputy interior minister; Gen. Abdallah Al-Sheikh, public security director, and Gen. Mansour Al-Shmaizi, Western Region commander.

Gen. Al-Sheikh arrives

DHAHRAN, Nov. 4 (SPA) — Public Security Director Gen. Abdallah Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh arrived here Monday evening on a two-day inspection visit of the Eastern Province. He will inspect police installations and consider their development.

Sanaa relations discussed

SANA'A, Nov. 4 (SPA) — North Yemen's Vice President Abdul Aziz Abdul Ghani discussed Tuesday the fostering of bilateral relations with Saudi Ambassador Sheikh Trad Al-Harithi. The ambassador also was received Tuesday by Qazi Ali Al-Samman, the minister of endowments, and Dr. Ahmad Al-Asbahi, the minister of education about the same subject.

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IDB SESSION: The 46th session of the Board of Executive Directors of the Islamic Development Bank opened here Monday under IDB President Dr. Ahmad Muhammad Al. The board will discuss a number of development projects in the IDB member states to which the Bank will contribute in the form of equity participation and profit sharing, loans, leasing and the financing of foreign trade transactions. The meeting will also discuss the draft of the Bank's Fifth Annual Report and review the Bank's activities this year. It will also consider the draft agenda of the fifth session of the IDB Board of Governors scheduled to be held in Sudan during Rabat-al-Thani.

UAE military group inspects bases

ABHA, Nov. 4 (SPA) — A visiting delegation from Zayed ibn Sultan Al-Thani Military Academy in the United Arab Emirates toured Al-Souda area in Abha.

The delegation of officers and cadets arrived in the Southern Province earlier Monday and visited King Khaled Air Base

Iraq leader meets Prince Talal

BAGHDAD, Nov. 4 (SPA) — Iraqi President Saddam Hussein received Prince Talal ibn Abdul Aziz, assistant U.N. secretary general for the United Nations International Children Emergency Fund, Monday.

Prince Talal arrived Sunday on a short visit to Iraq for talks regarding the backing of the fund's activities.

Scout camp ends activity in Buraidah

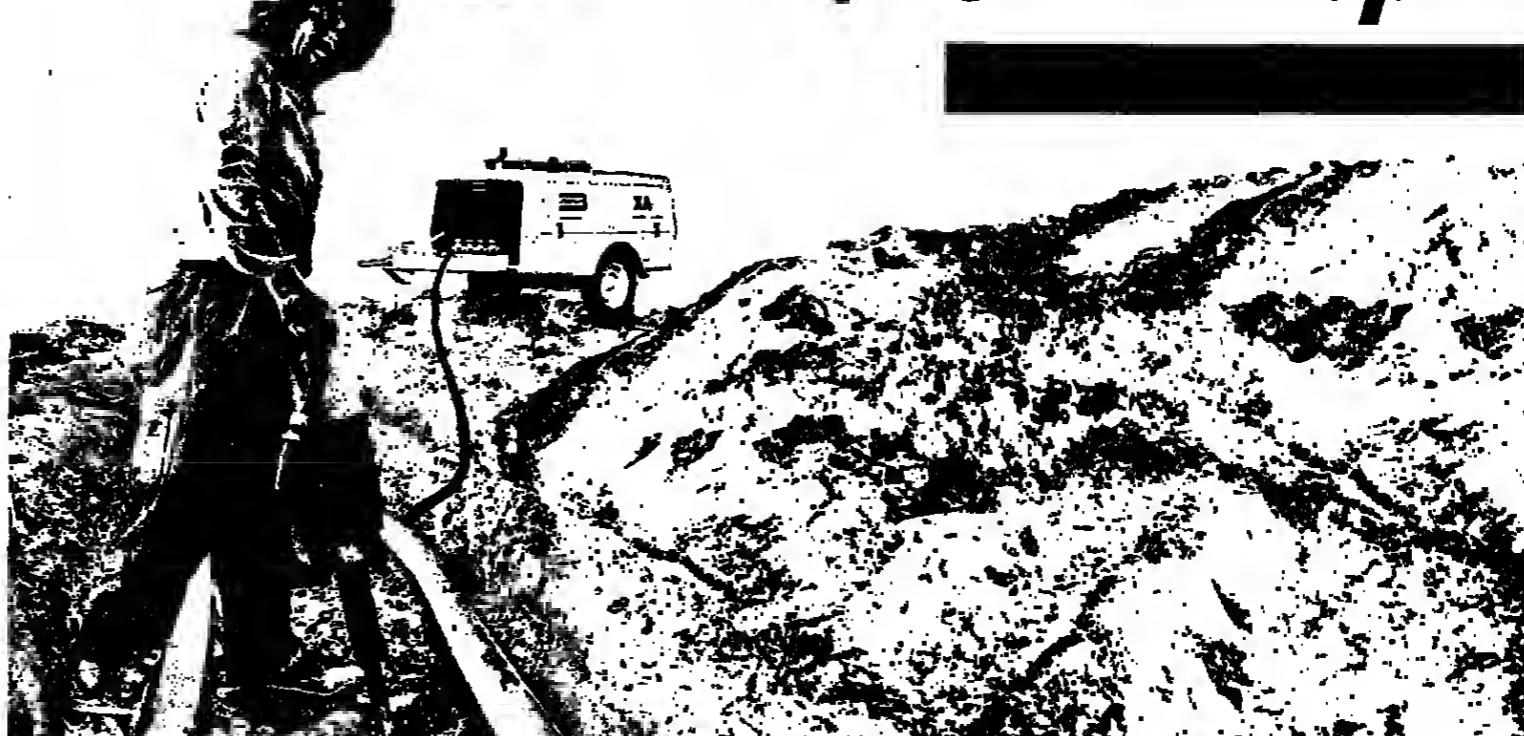
BURAIDAH, Nov. 4 (SPA) — A boy scout camp that served pilgrims here during Hajj season wound up ceremoniously Monday under the auspices of Qasim Governor Prince Abdul Ilah at the successful completion of its work.

The governorate, the education directorate, the municipality and a number of government departments contributed to the camp, which rendered valuable services to some 150,000 pilgrims who came by road from the Gulf.

While the national Guard participated with large numbers during Hajj through the use of military and technical school cadre, the Saudi Arabian Scout Association also was able to provide assistance. Pilgrims were given help by 1,300 scouts. The scouts helped lost pilgrims return to their groups. The scout association coordinated their efforts with the Ministry of pilgrimage and Endowments and the Ministry of Health in leading lost children to centers set up for the first time this year to handle such emergencies. In addition, the Health Ministry had appointed nurses to comfort the lost children.

Prince Abdul Ilah also approved a request by Sulaiman Al-Shallabi, head of the education directorate, to allocate a large land plot for the Pilgrim city in Buraidah.

Earlier, a similar ceremony was held in Quwayya marking the end of the scouts and pilgrims' city that served more than 93,000 pilgrims this year. The emir of Quwayya, Sheikh Badr Al-Askar, attended the ceremony on behalf of Deputy Riyadh Governor Prince Sattam. More than 180 scouts and employees took part in the camp.

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Israeli court postpones verdict on Arab mayors

TEL AVIV, Nov. 4 (Agencies) — Israel's supreme court failed Monday to reach a decision on the appeal of two Palestinian mayors from the occupied West Bank seeking permission to return from exile. As hundreds of Arabs demonstrated outside the stone courthouse, the three judges adjourned the hearing without setting a date for the verdict.

But a final decision on the appeals of Mayors Fahd Qawasmeh of Hebron and Muhammad Milhem of Halhoul was expected in a few days.

U.S. unveils revised plan for autonomy

WASHINGTON, Nov. 4 (R) — The United States plans to send a diplomatic team to Israel and Egypt on Wednesday with a revised interim proposal for an agreement on Palestinian self-rule, U.S. officials said.

An aide to U.S. Middle East negotiator Sol Linowitz said Monday the visit would go ahead whatever the result of the U.S. presidential election. Linowitz's Deputy James Leonard and aides Alan Kreczko and Ned Walker are expected to make up the U.S. team. They are to spend a day and a half in Israel before going on to Egypt.

The revised plan contains some significant changes from earlier U.S. proposals as a result of suggestions made by the Israeli and Egyptian negotiators in talks with Linowitz in mid-October.

"We took very seriously the suggestions of both sides," an official said but he added that the proposals did not amount to a change in U.S. policy.

Linowitz on Oct. 15 reported progress on several important issues in the 18-month-old autonomy talks and said he hoped agreement could be reached in further meetings.

BRIEFS

DOHA, Qatar, (R) — King Juan Carlos of Spain Tuesday left Doha after a one-day official visit, the first by a Spanish monarch to Qatar. The king held talks with the ruler Sheikh Khalifa Ben Hamad Al-Thani, on ways of strengthening bilateral relations, an official statement said.

KARACHI, (R) — Sheikh Rashid Ben Said Al-Maktoum, ruler of Dubai and Prime Minister of the United Arab Emirates, arrived here Monday for a 10-day unofficial visit to Pakistan, official sources said.

NEW HAVEN, Connecticut, (AP) — The

As the two mayors were led to an Israeli police wagon to be driven back to prison outside Tel Aviv, a crowd of Arabs shouted "In blood and soil we will redeem you." The mayors waved to them but were locked in the police van without an opportunity to make statements.

It was the first time the two mayors had been seen in public since Oct. 14, when they were allowed to cross the Jordan River into the West Bank to appeal personally against the expulsion orders before an Israeli military panel. The review board ruled against the mayors, prompting the appeal to Israel's highest court.

Qawasmeh and Milhem, both staunch Palestinian nationalists and opponents of the plan for Palestinian autonomy, were expelled seven months ago following a commando attack that killed six Israelis in Hebron.

The three-hour hearing was devoted mainly to arguments by the defense that the expulsion violated the Geneva Convention and the Jordanian law which applies in the West Bank.

Israel has claimed that the presence of the two mayors in the West Bank would incite disruptions of public order.

Security inside the courtroom was extraordinarily tight. When Milhem's wife tried to hand him a pack of cigarettes, an Israeli policeman seized it and carefully inspected its contents.

Meanwhile, Israeli military authorities have put three more Palestinian leaders under town arrest, raising the number of Arabs restricted to their towns in the West Bank to 33, officials said Tuesday.

The latest cases concerned Mayor of Kabatiyah, Muhammad Khaled, Palestinian trade union leader and Nablus city council member, Abdul Ghaneim and former El Birch councillor, Azmi Chuweibi.

All three belonged to the Lajnat al-Anjil al-Watani (National Guidance Council) which proclaims its allegiance to the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO).

Egypt condemns new settlements on West Bank

CAIRO, Nov. 4 (AP) — Egypt has condemned the establishment of two new Jewish settlements on the West Bank as "inconsistent" with current efforts for holding a Camp David-style summit to revive stalled Palestinian autonomy talks between the two countries.

The move also "contradicts the Israeli government's stand that stresses on the importance of continuing the self-rule negotiations," Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali was quoted as saying Monday.

Ali was reacting to the turning over Sunday of two new Jewish settlements to Israeli settlers. His comment was carried by the Middle East News Agency.

In condemning the Israeli measure, Ali reiterated Egypt's position that considers establishing Jewish settlements on

occupied Arab lands as "illegal" and a "violation of the spirit and letter of the Camp David accords."

Egyptian President Anwar Sadat suggested the summit with Israeli Prime Minister Menahem Begin and U.S. President Jimmy Carter to stimulate the autonomy talks he suspended in August.

Syria House okays treaty with USSR

DAMASCUS, Nov. 4 (Agencies) — The Syrian People's Council (parliament) has unanimously approved the treaty of friendship and cooperation with the Soviet Union signed last month in Moscow by President Leonid Brezhnev and Syrian President Hafez Assad.

Syrian official sources said the treaty, which commits the two countries to consult if the security of either is threatened, would come into effect shortly.

Foreign Minister Abdil Halim Khaddam told the council Monday that most Arab

Another policeman slain in Istanbul

ISTANBUL, Nov. 4 (R) — Two gunmen killed a policeman in an Istanbul shantytown district on Monday, police said. He was the second policeman to be killed in a street attack in the last four days.

Three other persons were killed in two separate clashes with security forces Sunday in the eastern town of Artvin and near the western town of De Izli, Turkish newspapers reported Monday, quoting military authorities.

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Despite ban in U.S.

Professor alters genes of human subjects

By Pam Jacobs

LOS ANGELES, (LAT) — A professor of medicine at the University of California, Los Angeles, has become the first known scientist to use the new techniques of genetic engineering on human subjects.

Dr. Martin J. Cline, a specialist in blood disorders, attempted to treat two patients with a fatal blood disease by placing normal genes in their defective bone marrow cells. Cline performed the procedure in Italy and Israel at a time when he was awaiting permission to do it at UCLA. That permission was

not taken the final leap and attempted an experiment in humans.

But Cline, a researcher known for boldly moving to the forefront, proposed doing just that in the spring of 1979. Scientists consulted by the *Times* and mixed views of Cline's decision to go ahead with a human experiment.

Many of the laboratory scientists interviewed by phone said they believe that there are too many unanswered questions and that it is premature to jump ahead with experiments involving humans.

"I just think we ought to go a little more slowly," Robert Schimke, a Stanford University biology professor, said.

A human subject protection committee at UCLA, after more than a year of deliberation, refused to grant Cline permission to do human experiments without further work in laboratory animals. Without that permission, under federal and university rules, Cline could not have done the experiment on the UCLA campus. (The committee must determine whether the risks of a human experiment are balanced by expected benefits.)

Even before that decision was reached on July 22, however, Cline had performed the experiment on two young women — one at Hadassah hospital in Jerusalem — the other at University Poly Clinic in Naples, Italy.

Cline said in an extensive interview that it was out of his intention in leaving the country to evade the federal rules for human experiments. The Israeli hospital subjected the genetic experiment to the same scrutiny required by the federal guidelines, Cline said. The Italian center used a more informal procedure, according to Cline, but still took steps to ensure that the patient was informed of risks and that the potential benefits outweighed any possible harm.

"These (experiments) were done when the decision was still pending at UCLA," Cline said, "and I had no idea about the ultimate decision."

The first patient, a 21-year-old woman, was treated in Jerusalem on July 10 and 11. The second patient, a 16-year-old woman, was given the gene treatment on July 15 in Naples. Both women suffer from a disease that is quite rare in the United States but common among people native to the countries of the Mediterranean — beta-thalassemia major. Cline said he left the country to do the experiments only because it was easier to find thalassemic patients outside the country.

On the UCLA campus, Cline had planned a similar experiment using patients suffering from another hemoglobin disorder, sickle cell anemia, which afflicts a large number of blacks. For technical reasons, it was easier to test the genetic engineering technique in thalassemic patients. Such patients lack the ability to produce a component of normal hemoglobin, the molecule in red blood cells that carries oxygen to the tissues of the body. With continual blood transfusions, thalassemic patients sometimes live into adulthood, but the condition nevertheless takes its toll on the ability of patients to live normally. Both patients treated by Cline had heart problems as a result of their disease, which also causes bone deformities and makes them subject to frequent fractures.

Ordinarily I wouldn't comment about this until I submitted the results to a reviewed scientific journal," Cline said.

"But I am willing to talk about it given the level of emotion about genetic engineering. This type of thing will put me in a relatively embarrassing position with my scientific colleagues."

Earlier this year, Cline and other colleagues at UCLA announced the first exper-

iments in which new genetic material was successfully transferred to a living animal. The experiments, in mice, indicated that it might soon be technically possible to apply the same techniques to man, and that is what Cline and his colleagues in Israel and Italy attempted to do with the two thalassemia patients. In both cases, the physicians removed a small amount of bone marrow from the patient and then exposed the cells to genes capable of producing the normal blood component that the patient was lacking. The marrow cells were then returned to the patient. The hope was that the patients would begin producing normal hemoglobin.

After almost three months, it now seems unlikely that that has happened. But Cline is still analyzing blood and marrow samples that have regularly been taken from the patients since their treatment. It is still possible that the experiment was a partial success — that the normal genes were transferred but for some reason did not produce the normal hemoglobin component or produced it in only small amounts. Cline believes it may take several months to find out.

Both patients are alive and doing well, according to Cline. Neither was bedridden at the time of the treatment, despite the seriousness of their conditions.

There is general agreement that not much is known about how the genetic engineering techniques used by Cline actually work. Two years ago, Dr. Richard Axel of Columbia University and others showed that cells would take up small bits of genetic material if the material was treated with the chemical, calcium phosphate.

The relatively simple technique was quickly added to the growing list of methods used in genetic engineering — in manipulating the basic material that determines what a cell or organism or animal is like.

A number of researchers, Cline among them, have been studying how the process works to test tube experiments that use animal and human cells.

Cline agrees that placing genes in human cells is "uncharted ground" — the reason he believes that the UCLA committee refused



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cials asked for an investigation.

On Sept. 8, Charles R. McCarthy, director of the Office for Protection from Research Risks, asked UCLA chancellor Charles E. Young for a complete accounting of Cline's human experiment by Oct. 15. In his letter, McCarthy wanted to know if the experiment had been turned down by the campus human subjects protection committee, whether it had been reviewed at any other institution, and whether federal money was involved in the materials, salary, or travel in carrying out the experiment.

Cline said that he has cooperated fully in providing the chancellor with the information requested. McCarthy would only confirm that an investigation is under way. He did, however, point out that there are no penalties under current federal rules for a researcher who violates the human subjects protection

rules.

Cline said that he is planning no additional human experiments until he has completely evaluated the results in the first two patients. He is keenly aware of the emotional reaction of the public to any controversy over genetic engineering, and he took pains to point out that his experiment involved inserting genes in a small number of defective cells in order to treat a disease — that it did not involve changing the genetics of the whole person.

"If I'd known there was going to be a hullabaloo," Cline said, "I wouldn't have done it."

Dr. Martin J. Cline

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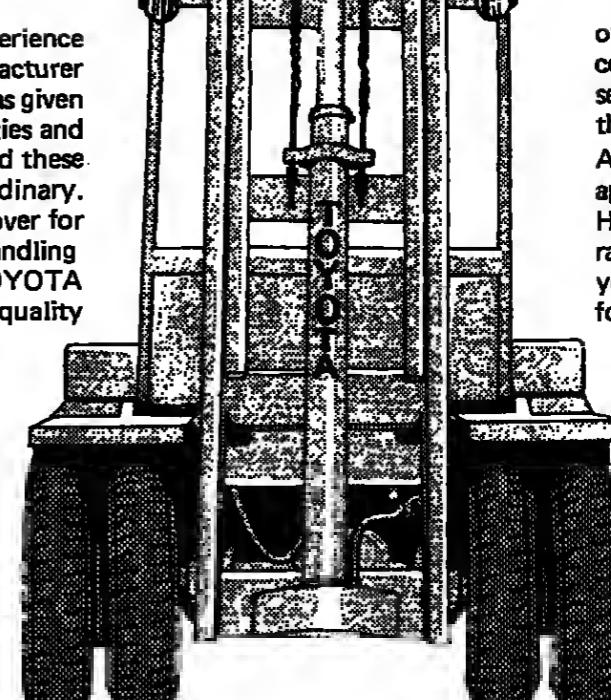
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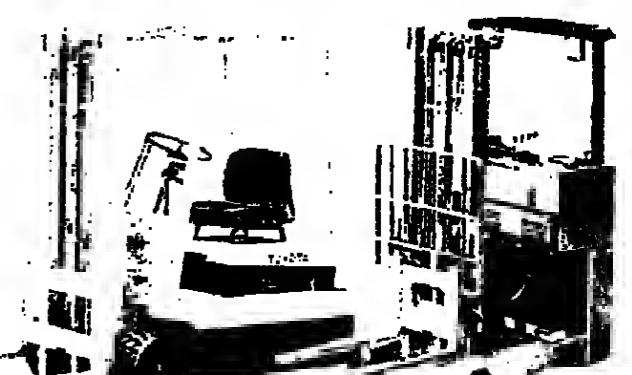
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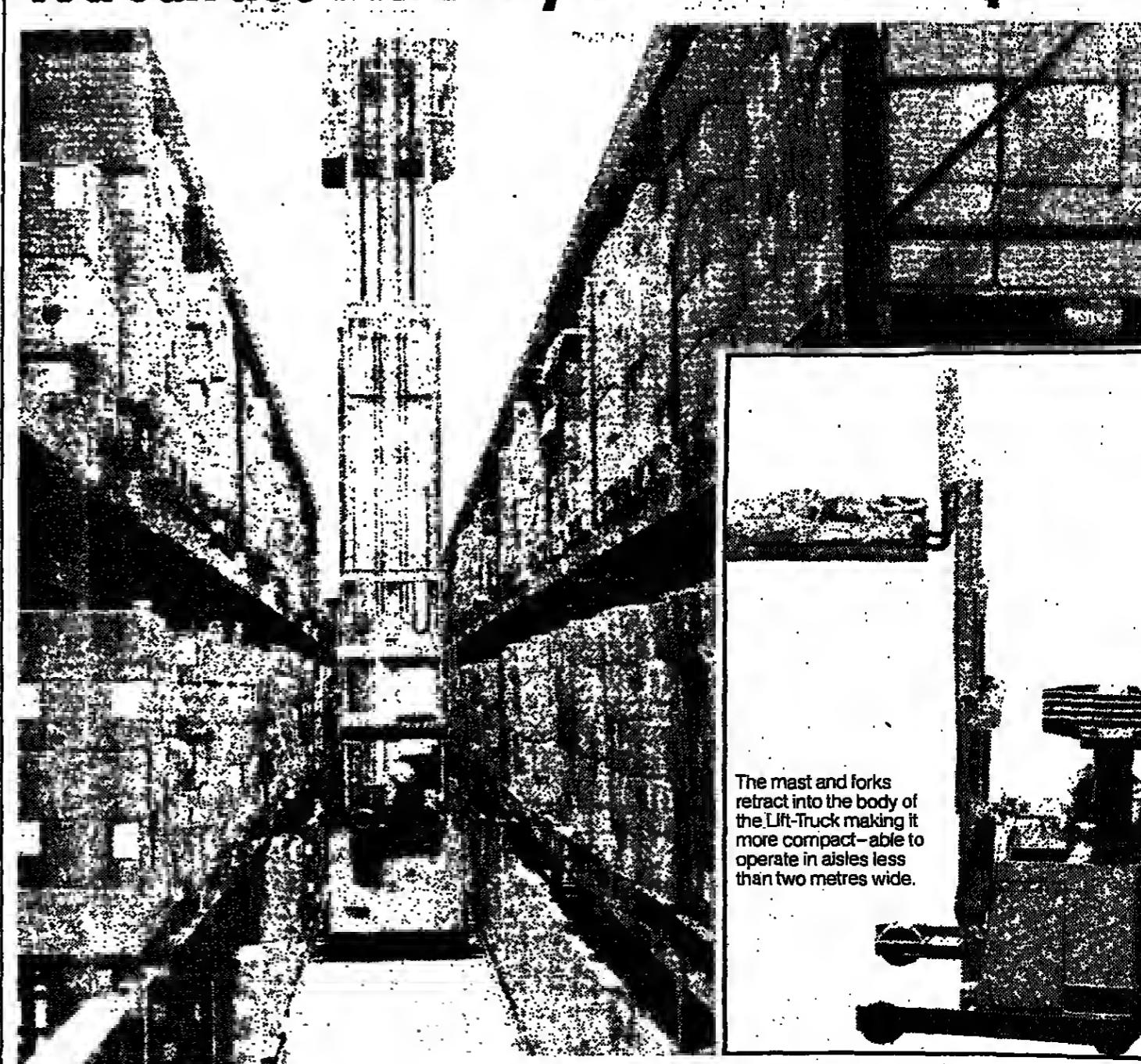
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Witnesses said the men shouted "Gora ETA Militar" (Long Live ETA Military) before fleeing in a car. The military wing of the Basque separatist organization ETA has claimed responsibility for most of the political killings in the Basque country. Monday night's attack raised this year's toll in the

region to 99.

Police said the four paramilitary civil guards belonged to traffic police. Two of the wounded were believed to be waiters in the bar and another was said to be a hairdresser. Witnesses said a fourth sympathized with the moderate Basque Nationalist Party (PNV), which heads the Basque home rule government.

The attack, a day after demonstrators protesting against ETA killings clashed with separatist supporters in San Sebastian, was the worst since guerrillas belonging to ETA's military wing killed four civil guards in September.

Tighten border security

Finns slam door on exiles

STOCKHOLM, Nov. 4 (OFNS) — Finland has tightened security along its border with the Soviet Union to stop Russian dissidents entering the country to seek exile in the West.

The move followed "discussions" with the Soviet border authorities, according to Col. Jarmo Mattila, who is in charge of frontier patrols in Finnish Lapland. But Mattila explains dismally that the increased security is designed only to prevent poaching during the present elk-hunting season.

Hunters who have been stopped by army patrols agree their hunting licences were examined, but add that the patrols were much more interested in searching their vehicles for unauthorized passengers."

The increased security has been most noticeable on a forest road parallel to the border between Tulpia and Naruska, near the town of Salla. Several fugitives from the Soviet Union have used this road in the past.

There is a small but significant exodus of Soviet dissidents via Finland every year. According to Skypo, the Finnish security police, there are around 50 illegal border crossings annually.

Dissidents stopped in Finland are usually sent straight back to the Soviet Union. The latest reported case was at the beginning of this month, when a Soviet citizen was returned to Russia without a public hearing of his case because "he did not have a Finnish residence permit."

J. Juban Kortesalmi, of the Rural Party, embarrassed Prime Minister Mauno Koivisto's Social Democratic government by calling attention to the expulsion in a parliamentary question.

Why, Kortesalmi wanted to know, was the Russian not given a residence permit under

the terms of the Helsinki Agreement? "The case is disturbing and very harmful to Finland's image," he said.

Sources close to the government admit the increased border security was brought in to placate Soviet authorities, who are convinced there is a secret network of Finns helping Soviet dissidents to escape to Sweden.

The refugee problem is just one of the highly sensitive areas in Finland's relationship with "the bear next door," a relationship which varies from "accommodation" to outright appeasement.

A spokesman for Skypo sounded disturbingly like an echo from the KGB when he said that, as a rule, Soviet citizens crossing the border into Finland were either "drunks or mentally ill."

Finns who have come into contact with Soviet refugees are instructed by Skypo not to talk about their experiences. Skypo chief Seppo Tiiainen says this is necessary because to make such matters public would harm Finland's "security aspirations."

Alexander Jourjine, a 27-year-old graduate from Moscow University, who fled to the West via Finland last year and is now studying at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, said it was generally known in the Soviet Union that Finland sent back refugees.

"I just kept going until I got to Sweden, then I felt safe," he said.

He climbed two border fences — one in Soviet territory, the other in Finland — and then walked 200 miles across desolate terrain, often in sub-zero temperatures, to cross into Sweden at Karesuando. During his trek he encountered two Finns who fed him and filled his rucksack with food. "I told them I was an American tourist," he said. "I don't think they believed me for a minute."



Seaga: Sends Cuban home

Cuban emissary leaves Jamaica

KINGSTON, Nov. 4 (R) — Cuban Ambassador Willy Estrada, who was expelled by the new Jamaican government of Edward Seaga, has left for Havana on a special flight. Communist sources said.

Prime Minister Seaga said on taking office last Saturday he was asking Cuba to withdraw Estrada, whom he has accused of interfering in Jamaica's affairs. His note to the Cuban Embassy said Jamaica wanted to maintain friendly relations but this would be difficult with Estrada as envoy.

Seaga's Jamaica Labor Party scored a landslide general election victory last Thursday over the People's National Party led by Michael Manley, who had been friendly with the Fidel Castro regime.

Film festival to open

KUALA LUMPUR, Nov. 4 (R) — Eighteen countries will take part in the Ninth International Short Film Festival which begins here next Wednesday. An organization spokesman said 23 films in English or subtitled in English will be screened over five nights, covering a variety of interests — animated cartoon, documentary, experimental, and children's films.

The participating countries are Austria, Australia, Belgium, Britain, Canada, Egypt, France, West Germany, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, South Korea, The Netherlands, New Zealand, Pakistan, Poland, Sweden and Switzerland.

Vital sea lanes at mercy of Soviets

WASHINGTON, Nov. 4 (AP) — For the first time since the Russian Revolution, Moscow now has a growing capability to sever sea lanes vital to United States economic and political survival, a U.S. naval strategist says.

Rear Adm. Robert Hanks, who was director of strategic plans and policy for the U.S. Navy Department when he retired in 1977, writes in a new study that while U.S. naval strength has undergone a rapid decline over the past two decades, Soviet sea power has steadily increased.

Hanks concludes in a monograph entitled "The Unnoticed Challenge: Soviet Strategy and the Global Choke Points," that to meet the Soviet naval challenge, the U.S. Navy must be rebuilt and political, economic and military strength mobilized.

He notes that Soviet warships and patrol aircraft now routinely cross the north Atlantic from northern and Baltic bases to Cuba, and the Soviet Navy is now well established along the west African coast in ports such as Conakry, Pointe Noire, Luanda and Mocamedes.

This means, according to Hanks, "the Murderer fined, freed

JOHANNESBURG, Nov. 4 (AP) — A white man was fined \$536 Monday for killing a black man who allegedly had insulted his wife.

Lourens Daniel Swanepoel, 31, had pleaded guilty to culpable homicide in the death of Willie Ndaba. Gerrit Petrus Jacobus Klopper, 35, a friend of Swanepoel's was fined \$203 for assaulting Ndaba.

Swanepoel told the court that Klopper had hit Ndaba with his fist after Ndaba insulted Mrs. Swanepoel. Swanepoel admitted he then dropped a cement wash basin frame on Ndaba.

Swanepoel was ordered to pay the fine or serve a six-month sentence. He also was given a three-year suspended sentence.

Martian canals said ancient watercourses

BATON ROUGE, Louisiana, Nov. 4 (AP) — The "canals" crisscrossing the surface of the planet Mars were once natural watercourses rather than man-made irrigation devices, a Louisiana State University professor has concluded in a study released Monday.

After making exhaustive analyses of photographs taken by Viking space probes which landed small laboratories on the planet in 1976, Dag Nummedal found that the thousands of dried beds were created by the rapid thaw of frozen surface water during volcanic activity.

The waterways lasted for about 2.9 thousand million years, from three thousand million years ago to 100 million years ago, according to the report. Nummedal arrived at those figures by calculating the ages of craters caused by the impact of meteorites on the dried canals.



(Courtesy Press Photo)
SOVIET CARRIER: The four-year-old Soviet aircraft carrier Kiev sailing the Mediterranean. The 40,000-ton vessel is built to carry the YAK-36 vertical take-off jet fighter.

Aside from North Korea and Indochina, he says, there seems to be limited opportunity for the Soviets along the Pacific Ocean's western rimland.

The Soviets are looking for openings to exploit in the region and have been making efforts to establish footholds in Samoa and Tonga. Bases here, Hanks says, would put the Soviets astride a major Pacific artery stretching from the United States and the Panama Canal to Australia and New Zealand.

The U.S. has adopted a plan to swing naval units from the Pacific to the Atlantic in event of any war in Europe, Hanks writes.

"The impact such a U.S. abandonment of the western Pacific would have is not difficult to envision... (it) would likely cause Tokyo to assume a neutral stance, at best, or seek some sort of accommodation with the Soviet Union, at worst. The effect on the People's Republic of China... is equally if not more worrisome," he says.

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NCHP and SCANMEL extend their co-operation in the Europe-Middle East Trade

NCHP and Scanmel have agreed to extend the present slot exchange arrangement whereby NCHP will be inserting one of their container vessels in a joint service with two Ro/Ro and one Cellular container vessel provided by Scanmel. The Havraise vessel is "Ville D'Anvers" presently under conversion, whereas Scanmel will insert "Tarago", "Tricolor" and "Vancouver Forest", all three already employed in this service. With the four vessels the parties will continue to offer fortnightly sailings to all major destinations in the Middle East.

The arrangement is a co-operation on the operational side and the two lines will maintain their own commercial identities and continue to market their services through their respective agents.

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NCHP and Scanmel have already been Co-Operating for nearly two years and are by this new agreement further strengthening their co-operation.

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Poverty, domestic strife darken Brazil's horizon

BRASILIA. Nov. 4 (AP) — Brazil, a decade ago on the verge of becoming a world industrial power, today is struggling with unrelenting economic problem.

At the same time, the South American giant faces resurgent right-wing terrorism that threatens the base of a military government that has promised to return political power to civilians.

Across its vast expanse that touches on every south American nation except Chile and Ecuador, the sharp contrasts of wealth and extreme poverty stand out.

In the impoverished interior of the northeast are people who still live in houses of mud. In such metropolises as Rio de Janeiro, Brasilia and Sao Paulo, the affluent can make instant, direct-dial telephone calls across oceans.

Yet, President Joao Figueiredo has scored significant successes in his first 18 months in office. He has strengthened ties with Latin American neighbors and with black Africa. At home, he has signaled an end to stern political repression that marked the years following the 1964 right-wing coup that overthrew the leftist civilian government of President Joao Goulart.

But the successes of Figueiredo, the fifth former army general to rule the Portuguese-speaking nation of 123 million since the takeover 16 years ago, are overshadowed by chronic economic problems that include annual inflation of more than 100 per cent, a third world record foreign debt stuck at the equivalent of more than \$50 billion and a balance of trade deficit that reached \$2.5 billion at the end of August.

The nation's problems, which one leading newspaper warned "could corrode the fabric of society and rupture the solidarity of the whole and all of its parts," also include:

Brazil's Germans preserve culture, shun politics of ancestral homeland

NOVO HAMBURGO, Brazil, Nov. 4 (AP) — About three million Brazilians of German origin live in the southern Rio Grande do Sul state, about one-third of its inhabitants, and some of them dream any more of going back to the fatherland.

Brazilian author Jose Guimaraes, who has written numerous books on German immigration, explains: "Before the last war some German settlers and their descendants were thinking of making a fortune here and then going to Germany. But today all that is finished. They know they are better off in Brazil and their future Brazilian."

For the new rising generation, Germany is little more than a faraway country with attractive folklore. It is financially inaccessible for most of them but nevertheless all of them hope one day to make a pilgrimage to the land of their ancestors.

Novo Hamburgo was one of the first German immigration centers at the beginning of the 19th century, first settled by the Mentz family from Hamburg. Today it is one of the busiest industrial cities in southern Brazil.

German culture received a mortal blow on the eve of World War II. In 1938 President Getulio Vargas unleashed a brutal wave of oppression against the Italian and German communities in Brazil as part of his "nationality campaign."

The German language was forbidden and hundreds of private schools where it was taught were closed down. Television is so widespread and eaters so many German houses that the language is being used less and less.

But it is spoken fluently and continuously in the smaller villages where Germans settled, and occasionally Brazilian servants speak it. For instance in the village of Linha Schmidt the Freitela family servants, for two generations, have spoken German and have taken the family name.

But in general, Brazilians of German origin under 30 do not speak German. A German teacher said that his pupils all of German origin, looked on their ancestral language as "foreign."

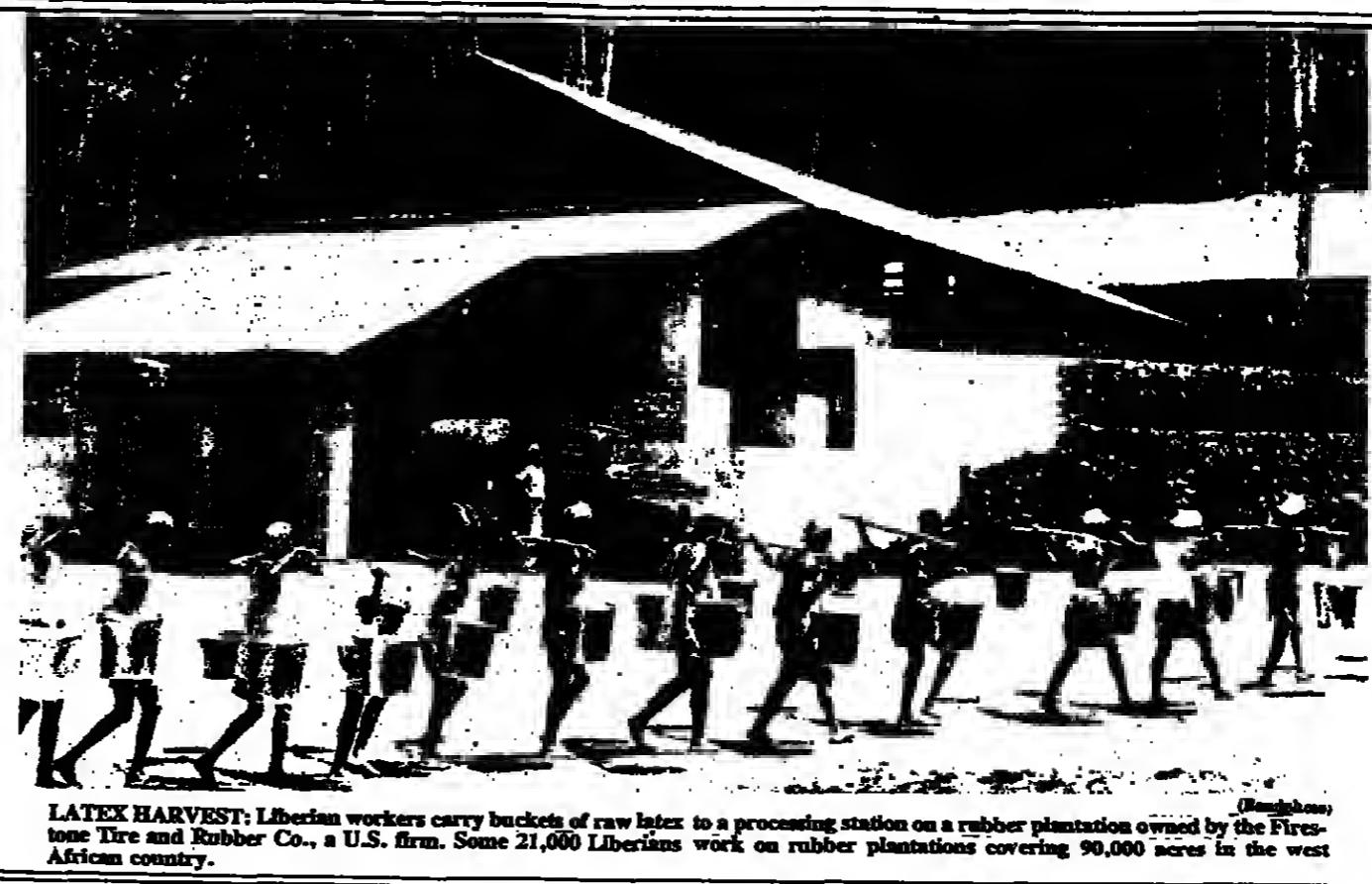
Ulf-Dieter Kleinmunt, West German vice-consul at Porto Alegre, noted: "In 20 years time nobody here will speak German."

There are few German teachers, and German-scholarships given for visits to West Germany have not had the results expected. The German language is not recognized as a subject for entry examinations into Brazilian universities.

In fact, German spoken in the countryside is a mixture of old German, dialect and Portuguese.

A group of teachers at the Martin Luther College at Estrela in Rio Grande do Sul said that Portuguese was modernizing German, and that Portuguese technical terms were being Germanized.

For instance, a German born here would call for a drink with the word "cauecawass," form the Portuguese word "caueca." But some descendants of German settlers can speak an impeccable German, and in some Lutheran churches the service is always in that language.



LATEX HARVEST: Liberian workers carry buckets of raw latex to a processing station on a rubber plantation owned by the Firestone Tire and Rubber Co., a U.S. firm. Some 21,000 Liberians work on rubber plantations covering 90,000 acres in the west African country.

Aussies find 41st species of kangaroo

CANBERRA, Nov. 4 A new big-footed species of kangaroo has been found in Australia. Scientists studying the first live specimens of the animal captured two years ago have confirmed that it is different from the previously known 40 species.

The long-footed potoroo (*Potorous longipes*) was discovered in dense eucalyptus forest near the tiny township of Bellbird in the East Gippsland district of Victoria.

Scientists call the creature Big Pot, to distinguish it from the Little Pot (*Potorous tridactylus*), relatively common in eastern Australia. Newly recognized Big Pot is nearly twice the size of Little Pot when fully grown and has much longer feet.

A senior research officer, John Seebeck, says Big Pot has been found in only one small area. "However, we believe that its range may be quite wide as the kind of forest in which we found it is quite common in eastern Victoria and southern New South Wales," he said.

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Thatcher maintains high interest rates against business advice

LONDON, Nov. 4 (R) — Every Thursday morning the pound sterling flitters on foreign exchange markets as currency dealers nervously consider whether the British government may be about to yield to the anguished cries of industrialists for lower interest rates.

But at half past noon last Thursday, when such announcements are traditionally made, the news was the same as for the last 17 weeks: "Bank of England maximum lending rate unchanged at 16 per cent."

The future of MLR, as the central bank's key lending rate is popularly known, is in the heart of an intensifying national debate over the government's monetarist policy aimed at rescuing the British economy from inflation.

Hardly a week has gone by without a newspaper or commentator predicting that the interest rate is about to come down. But so unyielding has been Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's conservative government that gloom has now set in and pessimists feel it may be the new year before there is some relief.

Because of an intensifying squeeze on profits at a time of recession at home and abroad, British industrial companies, particularly major exporters, have been pressing strongly for a lower exchange rate.

They believe the pound sterling will come down from its present high levels against the dollar and other currencies if only the authorities would cut MLR, preferably by a

large amount.

A lower pound would make British exports cheaper and thus easier to sell in competitive overseas markets, where orders have dropped sharply in recent weeks.

The British government was facing trouble with sky-high interest rates for the past year. The Chancellor of the Exchequer (finance

minister), Sir Geoffrey Howe, lifted MLR to 17 per cent last November as part of the government's full-blooded monetarist policy aimed at squeezing inflation out of the economy by cutting government spending and making credit extremely expensive.

MLR, on which all other rates in the economy depend, came down to 16 per cent last July 3 and has remained at that level since.

A high pound makes raw-material and food imports cheaper and hence helps reduce inflation, but Mrs. Thatcher and Sir Geoffrey are portrayed as endangering the country's industrial economy for the sake of an unproven dogma, which critics say will not in the end provide a cure to Britain's economic ills.

The government's view is that the deflationary dose is beginning to work in bringing down inflation and that it would be folly to abandon it now.

But the plight of British industry has become so serious that the Confederation of British Industry (CBI)'s long-time supporter of Mrs. Thatcher and her strategy, has called for a cut of four per cent in MLR. It says that would be a calculated risk worth taking to prevent further bankruptcies, factory closures and layoffs.

Imperial Chemical Industries (ICI) the country's biggest manufacturer, recently reported the first quarterly loss in its 54-year history, partly due to the strong pound as well as difficult conditions in world markets.

Ford, the most successful car company in Britain, has told unions it is barely breaking even, while the BL group is still struggling to survive despite huge infusions of state aid.

The troubles of the car industry reflect the twin pressures of high domestic costs and an exchange rate which helps foreign competitors during a period of deep recession.

The pound has risen some 20 per cent against the West German mark this year, 18 per cent against the French franc, three per cent against the Japanese yen, and 10 per cent against the U.S. dollar.

The report said the agreement called for a refinery processing heavy crude oil to be built in France and that at its initial stage, the refinery would have a capacity of approximately 35,000 barrels.

The OPECNA also reported on OPEC aid to developing countries and printed items on national oil policies from member countries' news agencies. It is scheduled to transit 1,500 words daily from OPEC's Vienna headquarters to 350 points in 70 countries.

OPEC launches news agency

VIENNA, Nov. 4 (AP) — The news agency of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPECNA) has started a daily news service to some 350 recipients in 70 countries.

The first item on Monday was the announcement that an OPEC seminar scheduled to have taken place here Nov. 24 to 26 will be postponed until the first half of 1981.

Although OPECNA quoted OPEC Secretary-General Rene Ortiz as source, no reason for the postponement was mentioned.

Observers believed it a consequence of the Iran-Iraq war.

Ortiz at the same time said a regular conference of the OPEC oil ministers in Bali Dec. 15 and 16 will take place as scheduled.

Other items under a Kuwait dateline told of a meeting of oil ministers of the Organiza-

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Pakistan exports increase

KARACHI, Nov. 4 (AFP) — Pakistan's exports in the last financial year (July 1979-June 1980) rose by more than 38 per cent to 23,400 million rupees (about \$2,300 million), the annual report of the State Bank of Pakistan, issued here showed.

This was the second year in succession that Pakistan's exports had expanded by more than 30 per cent. The previous year (1978-79) the exports increase had amounted to 30.4 per cent. The major export items were listed as rice, raw cotton, cotton yarn, petroleum products, woolen carpets and rugs.

But the country's balance-of-payments position remained under pressure as imports totalled 46,900 million rupees (\$4,600 million). Imports rose by 29 per cent over the preceding year's (1978-79) total of 36,400 million (about \$3,600 million).

The report said that the main cause of the balance-of-payments difficulties was the sharp increasing in the prices of oil by the petroleum producing countries. Moreover, the inflationary trends became more pronounced in 1979-80 as the consumer price and wholesale price indices moved up 10.4 per cent and 9.3 per cent respectively. Preceding year's (1978-79) figures were 8.3 per cent and 6.7 per cent respectively.

Oil imports contributed to price pressures as the oil bill amounted to more than 20 per cent of the gross domestic product.

The State Bank report said that the growth rate of the national economy showed a 6.2 per cent increase in 1979-80, compared with a 5.9 per cent increase in 1978-79. There was an appreciable improvement in the budgetary position of the government and the rate of domestic savings increased considerably, but remained well below the average savings levels in developing countries.

BRIEFS

ROME, (AFP) — The Italian airline Alitalia is expected to end its 1980 financial year with a deficit of about 40,000 million lira (about \$44 million), after a drastic drop of passenger traffic during August, September and October. But Alitalia President Umberto Nordio announced in Montreal that the losses will not mean adjustments in the company's capital, which is expected to be carried over into the next financial year.

MOSCOW, (AFP) — Soviet engineers have developed an automatic shipboard system for detecting oil slicks, based on reflection coefficients, and this will be put into action shortly, Tass news agency reported.

DOHA, (AFP) — The Qatar office for the boycott against Israel has black-listed 13 cargo vessels sailing under various flags that will no longer have access to this Gulf state because of their dealings with Israel. In addition, any vessel that puts in at an Israeli port, for whatever reason, will be black-listed, the new boycott instructions indicated. The first 13 ships on the black list are primarily U.S., Swedish, West German, Greek and Panamanian.



Annual report says

Pakistan exports increase

KARACHI, Nov. 4 (AFP) — Pakistan's exports in the last financial year (July 1979-June 1980) rose by more than 38 per cent to 23,400 million rupees (about \$2,300 million), the annual report of the State Bank of Pakistan, issued here showed.

This was the second year in succession that Pakistan's exports had expanded by more than 30 per cent. The previous year (1978-79) the exports increase had amounted to 30.4 per cent. The major export items were listed as rice, raw cotton, cotton yarn, petroleum products, woolen carpets and rugs.

But the country's balance-of-payments position remained under pressure as imports totalled 46,900 million rupees (\$4,600 million). Imports rose by 29 per cent over the preceding year's (1978-79) total of 36,400 million (about \$3,600 million).

The report said that the main cause of the balance-of-payments difficulties was the sharp increasing in the prices of oil by the petroleum producing countries. Moreover, the inflationary trends became more pronounced in 1979-80 as the consumer price and wholesale price indices moved up 10.4 per cent and 9.3 per cent respectively. Preceding year's (1978-79) figures were 8.3 per cent and 6.7 per cent respectively.

Oil imports contributed to price pressures as the oil bill amounted to more than 20 per cent of the gross domestic product.

The State Bank report said that the growth rate of the national economy showed a 6.2 per cent increase in 1979-80, compared with a 5.9 per cent increase in 1978-79. There was an appreciable improvement in the budgetary position of the government and the rate of domestic savings increased considerably, but remained well below the average savings levels in developing countries.

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From injuries in September bout

Welsh boxer Johnny Owen dies

LOS ANGELES Nov. 4 (AP) — Boxer Johnny Owen of Wales, who never regained consciousness after being knocked out by Lupe Pintor on Sept. 19, died Monday night at California hospital medical center, a hospital spokesman said. Owen was 24.

Owen had undergone brain surgery twice after his loss to Pintor of Mexico City in their World Boxing Council bantamweight title bout at the Olympic Auditorium.

The British and European bantamweight champion, Owen had remained in very criti-

Takes Argentina tourney

Larsen tops in chess field

BUENOS AIRES, Nov. 4, (AP) — Denmark's Bent Larsen won the Clarin International chess tournament Monday night despite a final round loss to Sweden's Ulf Andersson in 69 moves after six hours play.

Larsen was assured of victory after his Sunday night win over Lubomir Kavalek of the United States put him out of reach of his nearest competitor.

The Dane won eight games, drew three and lost two in the 13-round tournament, finishing with nine and a half points, half a point more than his nearest rival, Jan Timman of Holland, who defeated Fridrik Olafsson of Iceland in 41 moves in the final round.

Fourteen players, including world champion Anatoly Karpov of the Soviet Union, opened the tournament on Oct. 16 at the President Al-var theater. The tournament, sponsored by the Buenos Aires Newspaper Clarin, was worth \$25,500 in prize money.

Karpov, who won only four games, drew seven and lost two, defeated Argentina's Miguel Quinteros in 35 moves in Mon-

day's final round. The Soviet finished with a total of seven and a half points, good for a tie with Andersson for fourth place.

In other final round play, Yuri Balashov of the Soviet Union defeated Miguel Najdorf of Argentina in 27 moves and Vlastimil Hart of Czechoslovakia defeated Sergiu Giardelli, Argentina's junior champion, in 22 moves.

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Owen, a hero in his native mining village of Merthyr-Tydfil, had never before been knocked out in a pro fight. In the early rounds against the heavily favored Pintor, Owen was the aggressor, but the champion began to assert himself in the middle rounds twice knocking Owen down.

Then, in the 12th round, Owen ducked into a powerful Pintor uppercut and dropped unconscious to the canvas. Some watching a tape of the knockout blow believed the Welshman suffered the most damage when his head hit the canvas as he fell backward from the blow. But referee Marty Denkin, who didn't even bother to count the challenger out, said Owen was unconscious before he hit the canvas.

Nicknamed the "Merthyr Matchstick" because of his skinny 5-foot-8½ frame his loss to Pintor was only the second of his career. He won 26.

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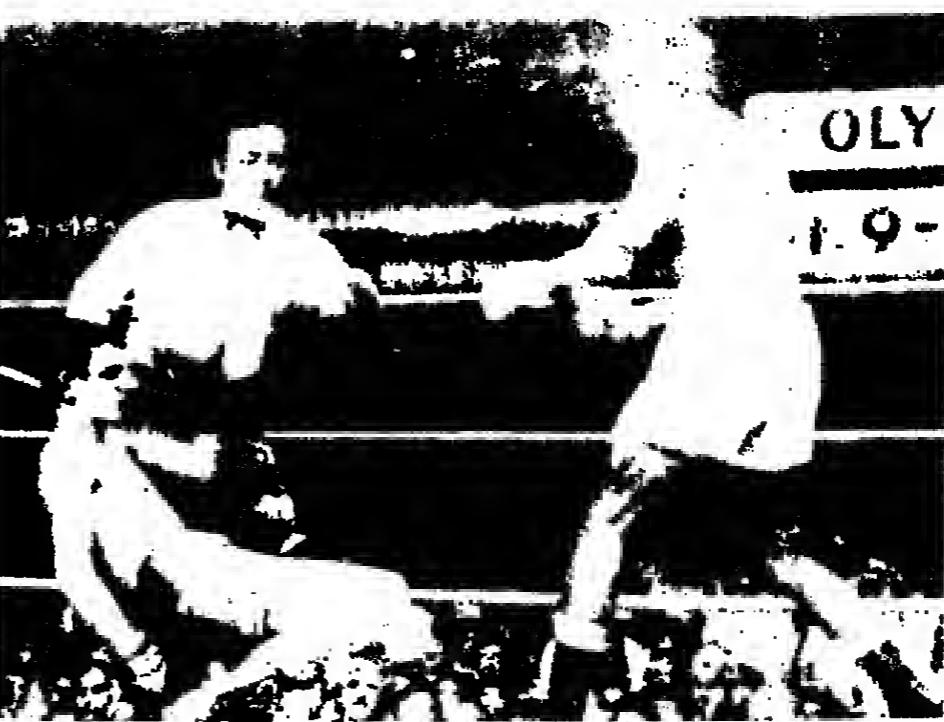
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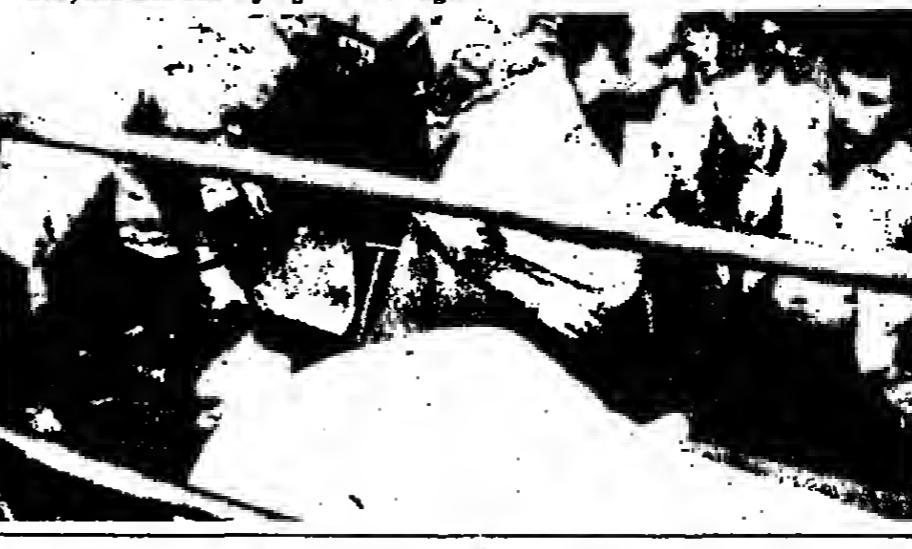
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LAST PUNCH: Welsh boxer Johnny Owen, above, according to the referee already unconscious, drops to the canvas after deciding into a punch from Mexican Lupe Pintor in the bantamweight championship fight in Los Angeles Sept. 26. Owen, below, was carried from the ring and underwent two operations. But he never regained consciousness, and died Tuesday night in Los Angeles.



Pryor defense set for this month

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Nov. 4 (AP) — Aaron Pryor signed a contract Monday to defend his World Boxing Association junior welterweight championship against Canadian Gaetan Hart on Nov. 22 at Riverfront Coliseum.

Pryor, who won the title from Antonio Cervantes of Columbia last August, will take home the biggest purse of his career, an estimated \$100,000.

Hart, the Canadian lightweight champ, has a 45-18-3 record with 22 knockouts. He has

won his last eight fights, and is rated No. 9 in his weight class.

Hart and Pryor have different styles. Hart is known as a hard puncher who does little dancing in the ring. He knocked out Cleveland Denny on June 20, and Denny later died.

Pryor, on the other hand, is not known as a hard puncher. Striking with punishing combinations, Pryor has racked up a 20-0 mark, with 24 knockouts. He never has gone more than 10 rounds as a professional.

Saudi youth cagers win wild game

By Edward Thangarajah
Special Correspondent

BANGKOK, Nov. 4 — In a nerve-tugging contest which brought the crowd to its feet over half a dozen times, Saudi Arabia beat Bahrain 65-59 and kept its second-round entry chances alive in the sixth Asian youth basketball championships continued Monday at the Bangkok National Stadium. Half-time saw the victors hold a thin 32-31 lead.

From the first sound of the buzzer until the second it was a real thriller and in appreciation the crowd gave both teams a standing ovation. The Bahrainis, who had done their homework well took the court with grit and determination hoping to exploit the Saudi Arabian weaknesses they had spotted in Sunday's match against Japan.

The alert Saudi Arabians too were ready for any eventuality. Skipper Mz'ad Abu, who played a giant role in their success, told the Arab News minutes before the game: "We will win tonight. We are not only going to beat Bahrain but will also try hard to defeat the other teams to gain a slot in the second round. Our team is strong, through lacking in experience."

After a minute of uncertainty, the Saudi Arabians set the scoreboard in motion when Abu caromed a 15-footer from the background through the hoop. A few seconds later Abu was in focus again, thus time he uncorked a jump shot which injected the vital inspiration the team needed.

The Bahrainis, not to be outdone, struck back a minute later and were soon on level terms, setting the stage for a battle royal. And what a battle it turned out to be.

The ball swung from one end of the court to the other and the lead was rarely more than a point or two until the last five minutes. Basket for basket, even free-throw for free-throw the teams battled on and on until the final blast was fired and the Saudi Arabians walked out happy, well-deserved victors.

The "man of the match" was Abu, who was all over the court, joining in attack, servicing his team with neat passes, scoring with pinpoint accuracy and doing an excellent job as playmaker.

He chalked up 18 points and was ably supported by Asad Takroni (17), Ual Zaier (15), A. Abdul Aziz (7), M. Abdul Salam (6) and A. Muhammadi (2).

In other matches played Monday, Singapore beat Sri Lanka 85-44, Japan beat UAE 85-28, Kuwait beat India 68-50, South Korea beat Qatar 114-70, Philippines beat Malaysia 130-55, People's Republic of China beat Hong Kong 114-61.

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In second leg of European competitions

Real Madrid facing early Cup exit

LONDON, Nov. 4 (R) — Spanish soccer champions Real Madrid, hammed by the ghosts of their illustrious past, face the humiliation of an early exit from the European Cup when they meet Hungary's Honved in Budapest Tuesday.

Real take a slender 1-0 lead to this second round, second-leg tie and they will find little consolation in the knowledge that Ajax of the Netherlands, also former winners, are likely to tread a similar path to defeat 24 hours later.

On Wednesday, when the majority of the matches in Europe's three club competitions are played, Ajax must overturn a 5-1 deficit against West Germany's Bayern-Munich in

Amsterdam if they are to repeat their successes of 1971, 1972 and 1973.

Real have won the Champions' Cup a record six times but five of those triumphs were achieved in the years 1956-60 when Di Stefano, Puskas, Gento and Santamaria provided the inspiration.

The boots of that foursome have never been adequately filled and though Real have two of Europe's most exciting strikers, Santillana and England's Laurie Cunningham only an impeccable defensive display in Budapest can guarantee their survival.

Two other former winners should enjoy a more pleasant night's work.

Newport hoping to advance against Norway amateurs

LONDON, Nov. 4 (AFP) — Third Division English football club Newport County, of Wales, have been warned to expect a hard fight from Norwegian amateur Hamnar in their European Cup Winners' Cup return at Somerton Park on Tuesday.

Newport manager Len Ashurst has labelled the occasion "The biggest night in the

Brown leads points blitz

SEATTLE, Washington, Nov. 4 (AP) — Cleveland coach Bill Musselman summed it up for his Cavaliers after his team's embarrassing 118-83 loss to the Seattle Supersonics.

"We couldn't throw it in the ocean tonight," Musselman said after the Cavaliers were thrashed in the lone National Basketball Association game played Monday. "It was just one of those nights."

Cleveland hit just 36 of 117 field goal attempts, a 30.8 per cent success rate, scored only 39 points in the second half while yielding 68, and picked up just three steals and 11 assists.

For Seattle, it was all good news. Captain Fred Brown led a third-quarter blitz that turned a six-point Seattle lead halfway through it to a 24-point bulge at the buzzer.

The Sonics outscored the Cavs 37-19 in the period, with Brown gunning in 14 as the Sonics hit 74 per cent of their shots, mostly inside. Cleveland could connect on just 32 per cent.

Seattle center Jack Sikma added 23 points and 13 rebounds for the game while teammate James Bailey grabbed as many boards and brought home 18 points. Guard Vinny Johnson dished out eight assists for the Sonics.

In the fourth period, with the Seattle lineup studious with reserves, the Sonics ran the lead to 38 before settling for the final margin of victory.

Sonics coach Lenny Wilkens played rookie guard Bill Haanzit for 22 minutes, watching him score a career-high 14 points. New guard Rudy White, signed the same day, also saw action for Seattle and had six points and three assists in 12 minutes.

Wilkens added White to the team's roster before the game to pick up the slack for the injured Paul Westphal.

clubs history" and who can argue, with a place in the last eight of the competition waiting for the winners.

Newport held Hamnar to a goalless draw on their own ground a fortnight ago, but Ashurst admitted: "That mudheap of a pitch didn't give either side a chance. It will be different this time and both teams will have a chance to play to their full potential."

Newport have hit form since the first leg with nine goals in three victories and Ashurst added: "Everything is bubbling at the club."

Transfer-listed goalkeeper Gary Plumley was recalled by Newport in place of \$40,000 Mark Kendall, the former Tottenham player who is ineligible for the tie. Otherwise Newport field the side that won 4-2 at Blackpool at the weekend.

Final comment from Ashurst was "we are pretty confident, but we will need to be at our best to reach the quarter-finals."

Hamnar were in high spirits when they arrived at Bristol on Monday, having clinched promotion to the First Division on Saturday. English player — manager Dennis Burnett — he will be remembered for his days at Millwall — reckons the team can "spring a surprise."

Newport qualified for Europe by winning the Welsh cup — and they can set a winning trend for English clubs.

West Ham United, who have ruled midfield man Alan Devonshire out for their Cup Winner's Cup trip to Rumania, may introduce an additional defender, Paul Brush, as they try to hold a 5-0 first leg lead against Timisoara.

With Devonshire's ankle injury failing to respond to treatment, there is also a possibility that England midfield international Trevor Brooking could be recalled after being out for two months with a groin strain.

Ipswich Town, up against Bohemians of Prague in the UEFA Cup, have left behind injured goalkeeper Paul Cooper, England striker Paul Marmier and Dutch midfield ace, Frans Thijssen.

The club rushed through a visa for 18-year-old goalkeeper Cott Enderby, so that he can be number two to Laurie Sivell.

Steve McCall, who has a badly bruised foot, and Kevin Voette, who has recovered from a strained knee tendon, made the flight, along with inexperienced youngsters Tommy Pacin, Robin Turner and South African Mich D'Avray.

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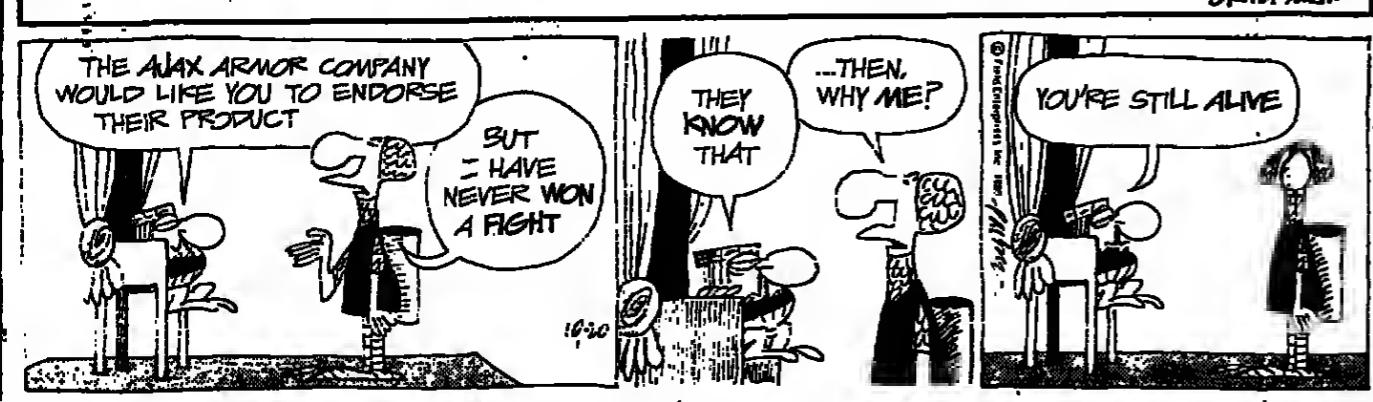
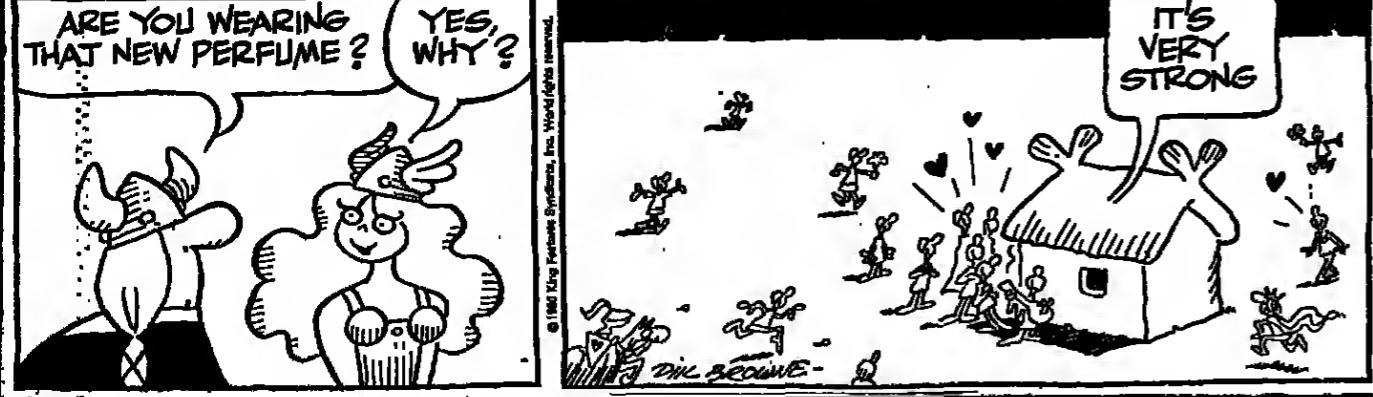
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Court turns down Tekere immunity

SALISBURY, Nov. 4 (R) — Three appeal judges Tuesday rejected a defense demand that Zimbabwe Manpower Minister Edgar Tekere, charged with murdering a white farmer, be allowed to plead immunity from prosecution.

The decision meant that Tekere must now return to the high court where he will be asked to plead guilty or not guilty to charges that he and seven bodyguards murdered farm manager Gerald Adams, 68, on Aug. 4.

When Tekere's trial opened Monday, his defense team, led by British advocate Louis Blom-Cooper, argued that the minister and his men were protected from prosecution by a 1975 "anti-terrorism" act. Blom-Cooper said this meant the high court had no jurisdiction in the case. He demanded that the

jurisdiction issue be settled before Tekere entered a plea.

But high court Judge John Pitman ruled that the 1975 act could only be used as part of Tekere's overall defense. He refused to hear the jurisdiction issue first and asked Tekere to enter his plea. Tekere's defense lawyers then took their arguments to three appeals court judges, led by Chief Justice Charles Fieldsend.

But in a 25-minute ruling Tuesday, Fieldsend said no appeal could be brought against Pitman's ruling because the appeals court did not have jurisdiction in the issue. "We have no power to consider an appeal," he said.

"The application is therefore dismissed."

He said it would be inadvisable for his court to pass any comment on whether Pitman's ruling was right or wrong.

Shrewd politician

Marcos aided by weak foes

MANILA, Nov. 4 (LAT) — As even his bitterest enemies will concede, President Ferdinand Marcos is the shrewdest politician to appear on the Philippine scene in recent history. But one of his greatest strengths lies in the weakness of his opposition.

After eight years of martial law, there is no single force or coalition capable of ousting the 63-year-old strongman who has ruled this island nation of 48 million people since 1965.

But that situation could be changing. Marcos' biggest worry at the moment is a series of political bombings that he has been unable to stop.

Marcos suffered a severe blow to his prestige Oct. 19 when an explosion was set off at a convention of American travel agents while the president himself was in the convention hall.

A New York woman, Doris Baffrey, has been arrested in the case, along with 15 others.

"The sharks smell blood and they are circling around," a Western diplomat said. "But Marcos still holds the winning cards and he knows how to play them."

The bombers have succeeded in damaging the president's image of invulnerability. But

Marcos is opposed by a variety of groups — Communists, Catholics, students and workers, but none of these is an effective political force by itself. The church, though basically conservative, is far from being a national threat. Most students are politically apathetic, and the ranks of the militants are riddled with government informers. Workers are feeling the pinch of inflation. But Marcos has seen to it that wages generally keep up with rising prices.

The traditional opposition leaves most Filipinos cold, especially the younger generation. Its leadership is composed of pre-marital law, old-guard politicians who cannot agree among themselves and have yet to offer an alternative to Marcos' policies.

While inviting such old-line opponents to a dialogue, Marcos has consistently outfoxed them. They have no means of enforcing their demand that Marcos end martial law before engaging in talks, and Marcos has made clear that if he does end martial law, it will be on his own terms. Even then he will retain emergency powers.

Observers agree that there is only one man remotely capable of toppling Marcos, and that is former Senator Benigno Aquino, now in the United States after nearly eight years as a political prisoner. Marcos has charged that Aquino is among those responsible for the current series of bombings.

Few Filipinos believe that Marcos would simply surrender power. Moreover, according to people who know him well, there is no assurance that the Philippines under Aquino would be much different from the Philippines under Marcos.

In many ways the two men are alike. Aquino is on record as saying that if he had been president, he would have declared martial law long before Marcos did.

President Marcos

Violence prompts accusations

French right denies racism

PARIS, Nov. 4 (AFP) — Intellectuals of the mushrooming "new rightists" groups are today busily defending themselves against widespread accusations that their theories are partly responsible for a resurgence of racist ideologies in France.

The "nouvelle droite" (new rightists) movements were born during the May 1968 student riots but only came to public notice a decade later, in mid-1979.

They are centered around the "Research and Study Group for European Civilisation" (GRECE) and the *Nouvelle Ecole* magazine edited by author Alain de Bocost, while many supporters have welcomed the weekly *Figaro* magazine edited by Louis Pauwels which they feel reflects rightist ideologies.

Critics of rightist groups attack them for laying the foundations of a new type of Fascism with their elitist teachings based on calmed Indo-European cultural and ethnical roots. Sociologist Alain de Touraine wrote recently: "The new rightist ideologies bear within them the seed of a new fatally dangerous social repression."

After the bomb explosion outside the synagogue in Rue Copernic, Paris, last month almost the entire French press held rightists responsible for increased violence and the spreading of racist ideologies in France.

Pierre Bloch, president of the International League Against Racism and Anti-Semitism (LICRA) and a national assembly deputy, attacked Pauwels personally during a television interview for his alleged responsibility for present-day racism here.

Pauwels immediately repented in his magazine that "Pierre Bloch, in recalling incidents that have killed, has spoken words which might themselves cause assassinations."

He denied there were the least traces of racism or anti-Semitism in the views of the new rightists or in his magazine, which he said was open to liberal views of all kinds. "Ideas can go mad," de Bocost pointed out.

He said it was difficult to trace the border line between intellectuals who discuss certain political views and those who decide to implement them — even by turning to terrorism.

There is no doubt that the militants of the neo-Nazi "National European Action Federation" (FANE) banned last February, and its leader Marc Fredriksen, support new rightist views, and so do half-a-dozen other tiny neo-Nazi factions.

Recently a report by the West German security and anti-espionage service noted that French theorists held a "special attraction" for West German extreme right leaders.

Pierre Vial, secretary general of GRECE, pointed out: "We cannot be held responsible for a fanatic like Mr. Fredriksen. We look on anti-Semitism as the same as xenophobia — the refusal to accept another's differences. And that is the very antithesis of our theories."

Pauwels believes that the new right has been caught up in the storm of anti-racist protests because "it offers an alternative to the dominating ideology of the left."

U.S. senator is indicted in Abscam

Capitol Hill veteran faces up to 53 years in prison if convicted

WASHINGTON, Nov. 4 (LAT) — Senator Harrison Williams Jr., a New Jersey Democrat, was indicted last week in the U.S. government's wide-ranging Abscam investigation, accused among other things of conspiring to get federal contracts for a titanium mine in which he held an interest.

Under the scheme, the federal grand jury indictment said, the mining company was to give a \$ 100 million loan from a bogus Arab sheikh.

Williams, 60, is one of organized labor's best friends in Congress and the only senator to be involved in the Abscam investigation that was conducted by the FBI. Six members of the House of Representatives have been indicted in the investigation. Two of them have been convicted and the others are awaiting trial.

The charges against Williams, returned by a federal grand jury in Brooklyn, New York, and announced here, were the most sweeping of any of the indictments handed up in the

case.

He was charged with bribery, conspiracy, receipt of an unlawful gratuity, illegal receiving compensation and interstate travel in aid of a racketeering enterprise. If convicted on all counts, the 22-year Senate veteran could be sentenced to a maximum of 53 years in prison and fined \$ 10,000.

At a news conference after the indictment was handed up, Williams declared his innocence, saying: "I did nothing wrong." He accused the government of trying him by ovens leaks, but he refused to answer questions.

Also charged in the indictment were Mayor Angelo Errichetti of Camden, New Jersey, Alexander Feinberg, a Cherry Hill, New Jersey, lawyer, and George Katz, a businessman with interests in New Jersey and Florida. Errichetti was convicted in August with Representative Michael Myers, a Pennsylvania Democrat, in the first of the Abscam cases to be tried.

The indictment Thursday, believed to be the last of the Abscam charges, revolved around a titanium mine and processing facility in Piney River, Virginia.

As in other Abscam cases, Anthony Amoroso Jr., an undercover FBI agent, used the name Tony Devito and posed as the representative of fictitious Arab businessmen who seeking to invest in American enterprises and in immigrating to the United States.

A second FBI agent, Richard Farhart, posed as "Sheikh Yassir Habib," who was to be approached by the conspirators to lead the titanium venture \$ 100 million, according to the indictment. Williams also agreed to help the fictitious sheikh enter and remain in the United States, the indictment charged.

The indictment said that the conspiracy lasted from January 1979 to last February, and was carried out at a fashionable Manhattan hotel, at Kennedy International Airport in New York, and in an Arlington, Virginia, motel across the Potomac River from Washington.

At an Aug. 5, 1979, airport meeting, Williams demanded and received shares in the titanium venture in return for agreeing to use his Senate office to help land government contracts for the enterprise, the indictment said.

Williams referred to that allegation at his news conference, saying an improper suggestion was made at the meeting. "It was immediately rejected, and that was the end of that," he said.

The indictment had been expected but was delayed several days while investigators and department of justice attorneys sought to win the cooperation of a witness before the grand jury. Sources familiar with the investigation said that the effort succeeded.

Good Morning

By Jihad Khan

People outside the United States have no idea what the presidential election is really like in that strange land. Like much else in the States, its elections are "something else" or, as my old American friends used to say in days gone by, "out of sight."

Most outsiders think there were two main contenders in the recent ballot: Carter and Reagan. Those slightly more in the know recognized a gentleman with what looked like a silver toupe (only looked like it, mind, since it was his real hair) whose constituency consisted mainly of joggers, vegetarians and such. He was Anderson, the third candidate. But few realized that there were in fact literally dozens of contenders, ranging from such a worthy as Ed Clark, representing the Liberal Party (the who? you might ask — the Liberals are America's isolationists), to candidates thrown into the ring by the Communist Party, the Environmentalists, the Unidentified Flying Objects' Party, the Dogo Dog Band and so on and so forth.

At the same time, and in case the electorate had too easy a time of it, with merely these fifty names or so to chose from Americans threw in the matter of electing a sizeable chunk of their Senate as well as the whole of their Congress, all at the same time. Now this complicates things no end, and to solve this, a strange machine is used, with a most interesting arrangement of knobs, lights and, in the more wealthy and sophisticated states, I am told, facilities for the dispensation of light refreshments as well as soothing music.

The voter is expected to be adept at using the contraption: enormous sums of money have been spent to teach him what to do once he enters the booth. But now that the machine is there, so the authorities seem to think, why not stretch it to the full? That, after all, is the land of efficiency. And a piece of equipment like that can do twice the work set out for it for far almost no extra cost. So why not elect everything at one and the same time, from the president of the U.S. to your friendly neighborhood dog catcher? So, they bring the whole list in.

Room for more? Oh, yes. The municipal authorities would like to know the voter's feelings about the rubbish-collecting procedure in the locality, should the gang still come around at six a.m. on Thursday or leave it until three p.m. Friday? And, by the way, where does the town stand the matter of Ms. Alberta Stukely who has just volunteered to be the town's first lady sheriff and threatened to kneecap the mayor if he says no... Bring it all in — and let democracy take its course.

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Robbers take \$10m in daring Rome raid

ROME, Nov. 4 (AFP) — Robbers stole money and jewels worth over \$10 million in an audacious bank raid this weekend in a district of Rome that is watched day and night by dozens of police.

They broke into the Banca Popolare D'Asti Adige, where almost half of the members of Parliament have accounts. The robbers used skeleton keys to gain entry by the main door and went to the strongroom via an underground passage that was said to be known about only by the bank management. They did not set off any of the building's multiple alarm systems.

On reaching the strongroom, the thieves opened 250 of the 270 personal safes reserved for major clients and made off with the contents.

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